

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 2 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides doped by aerosol, characterized in that the oxides are selected from the group consisting of SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , B_2O_3 , ZrO_2 , In_2O_3 , ZnO , Fe_2O_3 , Nb_2O_5 , V_2O_5 , WO_3 , SnO_2 and GeO_2 , wherein the surface is modified to impart to the surface a sufficient hydrophobic character which permits rapid dissolution in organic systems at high concentrations with one or several compounds selected from the following groups:

a) Organosilanes having either formula $(\text{RO})_3\text{Si}(\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+1})$ or $(\text{RO})_3\text{Si}(\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n-1})$, wherein

R = alkyl, and

$n = 1 - 20$;

b) Organosilanes having either formula $\text{R}'_x (\text{RO})_y \text{Si}(\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+1})$ or $(\text{RO})_3\text{Si}(\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+1})$,

wherein

R = alkyl,

R' = alkyl,

R' = cycloalkyl

$n = 1 - 20$,

$x+y = 3$,

$x = 1$, or 2 , and

$y = 1$, or 2 ;

c) Halogen organosilanes having either formula $X_3 Si(C_nH_{2n+1})$ or $X_3 Si(C_nH_{2n-1})$,

wherein

$X = Cl$, or Br , and

$n = 1 - 20$;

d) Halogen organosilanes having either formula $X_2 (R') Si(C_nH_{2n+1})$ or

$X_2 (R') Si(C_nH_{2n-1})$, wherein

$X = Cl$, or Br

$R' = alkyl$ and or $cycloalkyl$, and

$n = 1 - 20$;

e) Halogen organosilanes having formula $X (R')_2 Si(C_nH_{2n+1})$ or

$X (R')_2 Si(C_nH_{2n-1})$, wherein

$X = Cl$, or Br ;

$R' = alkyl$ or and $cycloalkyl$, and

$n = 1 - 20$;

f) Organosilanes having the formula $(RO)_3Si(CH_2)_m-R'$

R = alkyl,

m = 0, or 1-20, and

R' = methyl-, aryl-, -C₆H₅, substituted phenyl groups,

-C₄F₉, OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,

-NH₂, =N₃, -SCN, -CH=CH₂, -NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH₂,

-N-(CH₂-CH₂-CH₂NH₂)₂,

-OOC(CH₃)C=CH₂,

-OCH₂-CH(O)CH₂,

-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH₂)₅,

-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃, -NH-(CH₂)₃Si(OR)₃,

-SH, or

-NR'R''R''', wherein R' = alkyl, or aryl; R'' = H, alkyl, aryl; and R''' = H, alkyl, aryl,

benzyl, or C₂H₄N(R''')₂, wherein R'''' = H, or alkyl;

g) Organosilanes having the formula (R'')_x(RO)_ySi(CH₂)_m-R', wherein

R'' = alkyl, or cycloalkyl,

x+y = 2,

x = 1, or 2,

y = 1, or 2,

m = 0, or 1 to 20, and

R' = methyl-, aryl, -C₆H₅, substituted phenyl groups,

-C₄F₉, -OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,

-NH₂, -N₃, SCN, -CH=CH₂, -NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH₂,
-N-(CH₂-CH₂-NH₂)₂,
-OOC(CH₃)C=CH₂,
-OCH₂-CH(O)CH₂,
-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH₂)₅,
-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃, -NH-(CH₂)₃Si(OR)₃,
or -SH, or
-NR'R''R''', wherein R' = alkyl, or aryl; R'' = H,
alkyl, or aryl; and R''' = H, alkyl, aryl, benzyl, or
C₂H₄N(R''''')₂, wherein R''''' = H, or alkyl ;

h) Halogen organosilanes having the formula X₃Si(CH₂)_m-R', wherein

X = Cl, or Br,

m = 0, 1 – 20,

R' = methyl-, aryl, -C₆H₅, substituted phenyl groups

-C₄F₉, -OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,
-NH₂, -N₃, SCN, -CH=CH₂, -NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH₂,
-N-(CH₂-CH₂-NH₂)₂,
-OOC(CH₃)C=CH₂,
-OCH₂-CH(O)CH₂,
-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH₂)₅,
-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃, -NH-(CH₂)₃Si(OR)₃, or

-SH;

i) Halogen organosilanes having the formula $(R)X_2Si(CH_2)_m-R'$, wherein

$X = Cl$, or Br ,

$R = alkyl$ such as methyl-, ethyl-, or propyl-,

$m = 0$, or $1 - 20$, and

$R' = methyl$ -, aryl-, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups,

$-C_4F_9$, $-OCF_2-CHF-CF_3$, $-C_6F_{13}$, $-O-CF_2-CHF_2$,

$-NH_2$, $-N_3$, SCN , $-CH=CH_2$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-NH_2$,

$-N-(CH_2-CH_2-NH_2)_2$,

$-OOC(CH_3)C=CH_2$,

$-OCH_2-CH(O)CH_2$,

$-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH_2)_5$,

$-NH-COO-CH_3$, $-NH-COO-CH_2-CH_3$,

$-NH-(CH_2)_3Si(OR)_3$, or

-SH;

(j) Halogen organosilanes having the formula $(R)_2X Si(CH_2)_m-R'$, wherein

$X = Cl$, or Br ,

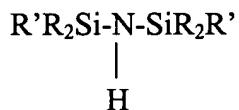
$R = alkyl$,

$m = 0$, or $1 - 20$, and

$R' = methyl$ -, aryl-, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups,

-C₄F₉, -OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,
-NH₂, -N₃, SCN, -CH=CH₂, -NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH₂,
-N-(CH₂-CH₂-NH₂)₂,
-OOC (CH₃)C = CH₂,
-OCH₂-CH(O) CH₂,
-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH₂)₅,
-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃, -NH-(CH₂)₃Si(OR)₃, or
-SH;

(k) Silazanes having the formula

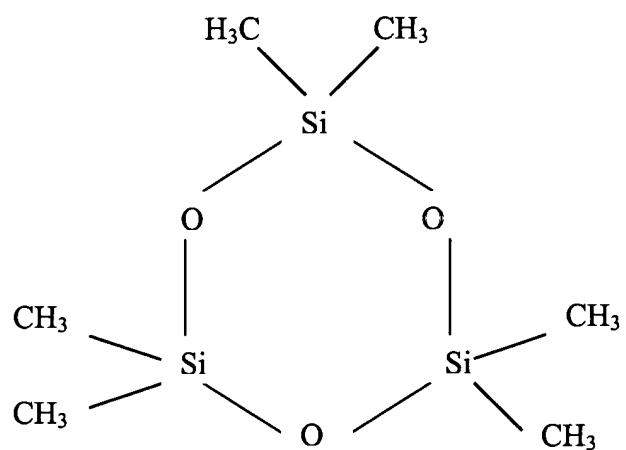


wherein R = alkyl, and

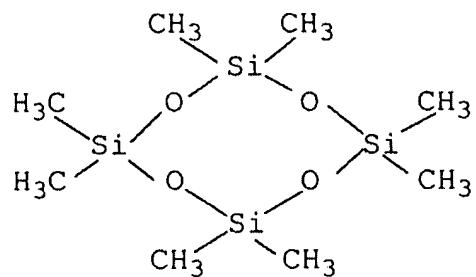
R' = alkyl, or vinyl; or

(l) Cyclic polysiloxanes D 3, D 4 or D 5,

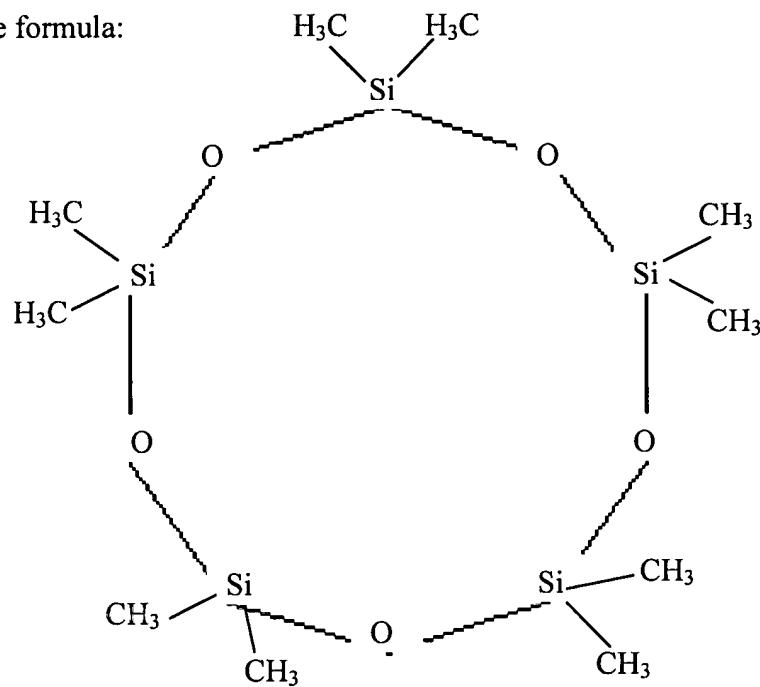
where 1) D3 has the formula:



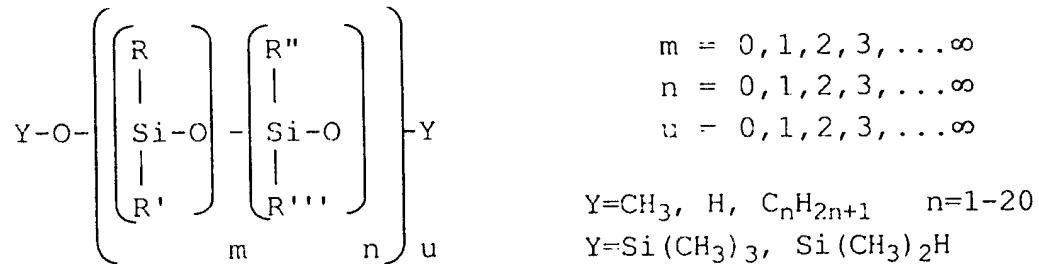
2) D4 has the formula:



and 3) D5 has the formula:



m) Polysiloxanes or silicone oils having any one of the formula



, Si(CH₃)₂OH, Si(CH₃)₂(OCH₃) , or

Si(CH₃)₂(C_nH_{2n+1}), wherein n=1-20,

wherein,

R = alkyl, aryl, (CH₂)_n-NH₂, or H,

R' = alkyl, aryl, (CH₂)_n-NH₂, or H,

R'' = alkyl, aryl, $(CH_2)_n-NH_2$, or H,

R''' = alkyl, aryl, $(CH_2)_n-NH_2$, or H.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): A method of producing the surface-modified oxides in accordance with claim 3, comprising placing pyrogenically produced oxides doped by aerosol in a suitable mixing container, spraying the oxides under intensive mixing with the surface-modification reagent or a mixture of several surface-modification reagents.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): In a reinforcing filler composition wherein the improvement comprises the surface-modified oxides according to claim 3 as reinforcing filler.

Claim 6 (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the spraying step includes spraying with water and/or acid prior to the spraying with the surface-modification reagent or a mixture of several surface-modification reagents.

Claim 7 (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising re-mixing at 15 to 30 minutes and tempering at a temperature of 100 to 400 °C for a period of 1 to 6 hours.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides according to claim 3 wherein the cyclic polysiloxanes is D 4.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)